Staff (COAS) TO examine the grievances of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) officers. The Committee included the senior most officer of MNS cadre. The Committee, in its report submitted to the COAS in July 2005, has made several recommendations for improving the organizational structure and cadre management of MNS including redesignation of MNS rank structure. The issue relating to redesignation of MNS rank structure is under examination of Army Head Quarters (AHQs). No decision to redesignate the MNS Cadre has been taken.

Embraer Jets

40. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lAF has inducted an Embraer Business Jet into its fleet for WIP movement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of India is going to get three boeings for WIPS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government have concluded a contract with M/s Embraer, Brazil during September, 2003 for procurement of five executive jets. Four jets are meant for the Indian Air Force (lAF) and one for the Border Security Force (BSF). Two aircraft for the lAF and one for the BSF were delivered in August, 2005. The remaining two aircraft are expected to be delivered by December, 2005 Acquisition of the executive jets will enable the lAF and BSF to execute safe and efficient carriage of VIPs and visiting VIPs.

(c) and (d) Government have concluded a contract with M/s Boeing, USA during October, 2005 for procuremtnt of three Boeing Business Jets. These are being procured in replacement of the existing two Boeing 737-200 aircraft with the lAF Communication Squadron for metting the travel requirement of the VIPs and other dignitaries. The three Boeing Business Jets are expected to be delivered in January, 2008, June, 2008, and October, 2008 respectively.